



Mount Pleasant Primary School

NEWSLETTER



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June 17th, 2022

Upcoming Dates

Parent Teacher Interviews 2.15 – 6pm

Parent Teacher Interviews 2.15 – 4.30pm

Last day of term – 2.30pm FINISH

Term 3 commences

Tuesday 21st June

Wednesday 22nd June

Friday 24th June

Monday 11th July

News from the Principal

Dear Families,

We can't believe we are almost at the end of Term 2!

This week has seen us all busy with final proof reading of student reports, preparations for camps next term and the performance of our Arts Intensive! Please have a look at our social media over the next few days and we share the wonderful work of students learning about Sustainability through Puppetry and then giving performances to the school community.

Thank you to families that have already booked in for Parent Teacher Interviews. Notices for Parent Teacher Interviews have been sent out and we encourage all families to please book a time to meet with your child/ren's teacher. If you are unable to come in person you can contact your child/ren's teacher to make a phone appointment. Parent Teacher Interviews are a way to discuss student social, emotional and academic learning progress as well as discuss future learning goals.

The feedback on our School Song has been wonderful, we will continue to practice it at school and we have enjoyed hearing about families listening to it at home as well.

Families can listen to the School Song here:

<https://mtpleasps.vic.edu.au/school-song/>

Student Attitudes to School Survey

It was pleasing to be able to share some initial results this week with School Council regarding our Student Attitudes to School Survey. This survey is taken each year from students in Years 4-6 across Victoria. The results below show increases across a range of areas we have worked on over the past number of years. It also shows that we still have work to do in Student Voice and Agency, although we are still just above the State average in this factor. We look forward to continuing to develop our learner's sense of belonging, connectedness and school and confidence in their learning. These are still initial results in some areas and further school data will come out during Term 3.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2022 AIP Goal
Classroom Behaviour	63%	70%	74%	83%	NA
Self-Regulation/Goal Setting	79%	80%	79%	86%	85%
Stimulated Learning	68%	59%	70%	79%	80%
Differentiated Learning	75%	75%	82%	88%	NA
High Expectations	78%	NA	95%	98%	NA
Student Voice & Agency	60%	62%	73%	67%	75%

Mid-year Student Reports

Mid-year reports will be sent home on Monday 20th June. We will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 21st of June and Wednesday 22nd June. We are all looking forward to having families on site for these interviews.

School Camps

At Mount Pleasant Primary School we ask all families with child/ren going to camp to attend a compulsory camp Webex meeting. This is a short meeting that covers a range of important camp arrangements such as; what to bring, activities, bus departures/arrivals and expectations for all campers. We also ask that families please read together and sign a Camp Contract prior to attending. It is the goal of the staff at Mount Pleasant Primary School that every child and staff member has a fun and safe experience on camp. Further details regarding a date and time for camps will be sent out via TXT message shortly.

School Challenges

Thank you to families who continue to support our school to stay safe. Whilst school from the outside may seem to be business as usual, all schools are managing daily challenges that we know will continue on throughout winter. Our students and staff continue to show resilience and teamwork when faced with challenges that have involved timetable changes each day. Please let your children know what a wonderful job they are doing each and every day they are at school, it might not always look the same, but we are doing our best to ensure consistent continuity of learning.

Home Reading Program:

We highly value our Home Reading Program at Mount Pleasant Primary School. Developing a nightly home reading routine is paramount to children's reading success.

The school sees the most reading growth in students who are committed to a nightly home reading routine.

We strongly encourage all children to read to for at least 5-10 minutes every night at home. Schools provide many activities, learning routines that teach our learners how to read – **the consolidation of this learning happens with an evening reading routine.**

Warm regards,
Kate Robinson
Principal



REMEMBER
ONCE A WEEK,
TAKE A PEEK

*Please help our school
win the war against
head lice by checking
your child's hair each
week.*

I respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Victoria and pay respect to the ongoing living cultures of First Peoples.



Grade 5/6B Update

In maths this week, we finished our unit on 'money' with a shopping activity where students needed to buy three toys under 50 (hypothetical) dollars. The toys were discounted by varying amounts and students calculated the 'discount amount' and 'sale price' based on the purchase price and percentage discounts for each item. Most students purchased items within their allocated budget, and some students used their understanding of *calculating the sale price of discounted goods* to spend exactly \$50!



Term 3 Swimming Lessons for Years 1 to 6



The schools swimming program will run for 5 weeks throughout term 3 at the Ballarat Aquatic Centre commencing on **22nd July 2022 to 19 August 2022**. Students in Years 1 to 6 will complete their program on a Friday each week. Students will leave school at 1:30pm and swim between 2.00pm-2:45pm. They will then return to school, ready for the end of the day. Year 5/6 students will only have 4 weeks of swimming due to camp. The cost of swimming lessons is only \$20 due to the Education Department Subsidy. Students need to bring a towel, bathers and goggles in a clearly named swim bag. Swimming Permission forms have been sent home last week. **Please return permission form by Monday.**



REWARD DAY – Term 2



The Reward Day theme for this term will be 'Mount Pleasant Celebrates Sport'. Reward Day will be held on the last Thursday of term on Thursday 23rd June. Students who achieve gold and silver status will take part in a football clinic with the Western Bulldogs at our school.

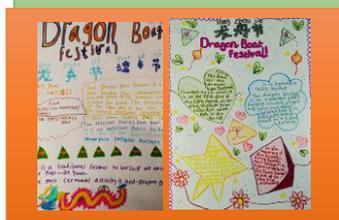
Students are encouraged to wear their favourite sporting team colours on the day and there will be a hot chip lunch (Gold coin donation).

Please bring a gold coin donation on the day for the hot chips.

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Wellbeing Leader

During Chinese this term, students from all year levels enjoyed exploring the Dragon Boat Festival. Junior students made a traditional dragon drum, and they have shown a strong interest in creating Chinese patterns and writing dragon in Chinese '龙'. Senior students have participated in making vivid information posters about the Dragon Boat Festival, they also enjoyed making a dragon boat origami. In the area of Chinese language learning, Junior students worked hard on counting and writing Chinese numbers. Senior students have shown their capabilities to say the Chinese dialogue about their favourite food as well as write the days of the week in Chinese. Wishing everyone a



Happy Holiday!



Year 5 & 6 - PGL Adventure Camps at Campaspe Downs – 2022

As part of our Interpersonal and Personal Learning programs, children in Year 5 and 6 will be given the opportunity to participate in a camp to Campaspe Downs, close to Kyneton this year.

It is an excellent venue for students to visit as it provides many recreational opportunities, promotes resilience and teamwork.

The Campaspe Downs camp will be held on **Wednesday 3rd of August to Friday 5th of August 2022.**

Activities will be included:

Archery	Canoeing	Team Challenge
Bush Walk	Flying Fox	Initiative Exercises
Bush Craft	Low Ropes	Orienteering

The cost of the Campaspe Downs camp is \$280 per student.

To assist parents meet the commitments, a payment schedule will be offered by the school, whereby parents can make regular monthly payments. Camp fees must be paid in full prior to camp.

Permission forms, medical forms and further information was sent home today.

Year 3 & 4 Camp



Years 3 and 4 Camp will be held in Creswick on the 12th and 13th of July in Term 3. Students will have the opportunity to experience a range of activities such as Archery, Bush walks, Flying fox and a Giant swing. This is a great opportunity for the students to promote resilience, teamwork and enjoy time together.

Please return all forms asap. Parents will be notified shortly of a compulsory camp Webex meeting to attend.



One of the most important things we can do to slow the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in our community is to stay at home when we are unwell, even when we have the mildest of symptoms.

What you need to know

1. If a child is unwell, even with the mildest of symptoms, they must stay at home

If a child becomes unwell during the day, they must be collected from school/early childhood education and care (ECEC) as soon as possible.

2. If a child has any of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) outlined below, however mild, they should get tested and they must remain at home until they receive their results:

- fever
- chills or sweats
- cough
- sore throat
- shortness of breath
- runny nose
- loss of sense of smell or taste.

In certain circumstances headache, muscle soreness, stuffy nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea may also be considered symptoms.

For further advice:

- call the 24-hour coronavirus (COVID-19) hotline 1800 675 398
- call a general practitioner
- use the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) [online self-assessment tool](#).

Visit: [Where to get tested](#).

3. A child must stay at home until they are symptom free, even if their coronavirus (COVID-19) test is negative

If a person has tested positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or been identified as a close contact they must isolate/quarantine until they receive clearance from DHHS.

Children with persistent symptoms due to underlying conditions such as hay fever or asthma

whose symptoms are clearly typical of their condition can continue to attend ECEC/school. They should be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms that are different to or worse than their usual symptoms. They should consider getting a medical certificate from their GP to attend ECEC/school if they have persistent symptoms that may overlap with symptoms of COVID-19 such as cough or runny nose.

Younger children (pre-school up to Grade 2) may have prolonged post viral symptoms such as a runny nose or cough and may return to school/ECEC following a negative COVID-19 test even if they are not completely free of symptoms. They will need a medical certificate from their GP to confirm they are otherwise well or have recovered from their acute illness.

For information on the minimum periods students and children need to stay at home for other conditions, refer to the [DHHS school exclusion table](#).

4. Children do NOT need a medical certificate before returning to school/ECEC

Once symptoms have cleared, there is no requirement from the Department of Education and Training or DHHS for children/students to have a medical certificate before they return to school/ECEC.

Thank you for your support in following these steps, together we can all stay safe.



This advice has been prepared by the Department of Education and Training, Safer Care Victoria and the Department of Health and Human Services



Are you interested in Scouting?

5th Ballarat Scout Group have recently started a new Joey Scout unit and we are looking for new members aged from 5 – 7 who have a sense of adventure.

So... what are Joey Scouts?

Joey Scouts are:

- Discovering the world around them
- Developing friendships
- Experiencing greater interactive experiences
- Physically active
- Using broad imagination and play

The Joey Scout program nurtures a deeper understanding of the world around them, with a growing awareness of their surroundings and nature, by getting out and about in the community.

Joey's meet on a Monday night from 5.30 – 6.30.

We'd love to welcome you on the 11th of July – the beginning of term 3.

For more information contact the 5th Ballarat Group Leader, Julian on 0439744890 or email gl.5thballarat@scoutsvictoria.com.au





Mt Pleasant Primary School Song

Five days a week, 40 weeks a year

My friends and I we all hang out here

This is our school, where we're learning how

To respect each other and ourselves as well, now

It's a long way to the top

But we're half way there

We're half way there at Mt Pleasant Primary School

When we walk up the hill, sometimes we get tired

But we bounce right back, because we're inspired

By our school values, we're building resilience

And skills we can use to share all our brilliance, yes

It's a long way to the top

But we're half way there

We're half way there at Mt Pleasant Primary School

We're part of a community

So we show responsibility

Being kind and helping out

Taking care of each other is what it's all about, yes

We break for fruit snack

We're on the right track

It's a long way to the top

But we're half way there

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